

Chariton Courier.

Keytesville, Mo., Saturday, Oct. 5, '78.

STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR SUPREME JUDGE,
E. H. NORTON, OF PLATTE.
SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
R. D. SHANNON, OF BUCHANAN.
REGISTER OF LANDS,
J. E. MCHEERY, OF JACKSON.
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER,
A. M. SEVIER, OF NEWTON.
FOR CONGRESS, 10TH DISTRICT,
G. F. ROTHWELL, OF RANDOLPH.
FOR STATE SENATOR, 6TH DISTRICT,
ANDREW MACKAY, OF CHARITON.

County Democratic Ticket.

For Representative,
DAVID H. HAMMONS.
For Circuit Clerk,
HARRY H. MANN.
For County Clerk,
FINIS T. DYSART.
For Sheriff,
BURGESS B. DAVIS.
For Treasurer,
JEREMIAH M. HAMILTON.
For Collector,
GEORGE B. OLDHAM.
For Assessor,
THOMAS J. L. HUTCHESON.
For Prosecuting Attorney,
CASPER W. BELL.
Judge County Court at Large,
JAMES B. HYDE.
For Judge of Probate,
HENRY C. MINTER.
For Public Administrator,
CHARLES J. VIA.
For Coroner,
JAMES M. STAPLES.
Judge Western District,
JOSEPH M. MARSH.
Judge Eastern District,
JAMES L. STACY.

HON. ANTHONY HARRIS died at his home in Chillicothe Tuesday.

CAPT. JAS. B. EADS, the builder of the St. Louis bridge, is in Europe.

NEW YORK CITY has sent \$100,000 to the yellow fever sufferers of the south.

MR. HAYES formerly received the new Chinese minister last Saturday morning.

SUBSCRIPTION to the 4 per cent. loan on Saturday, September 28, was \$537,000.

IT is too bad, but the New Jersey Absolutists say they really cannot endorse Ben Butler.

TEXAS last week shipped 1,159 bales of cotton to Liverpool, England. It passed over the M. K. and T. road.

IT is said that the population of Kansas has increased 270,000 in the last two years, it now being 800,000. And still they go.

THE third parties are some for women. Brick Pomeroy and Britton A. Hill, both leaders, have two or three wives apiece.

THE negro school teacher, Williams, scooped the third party convention, and Tom Hutcheson will scoop the field in November.

THE City of Glasgow bank closed its doors Tuesday. Liabilities \$50,000,000. It is the heaviest failure known in Scotland since 1857.

AN anonymous letter, containing \$1,000 to be placed to the credit of the conscience fund, was received at the treasury in Washington, last Friday.

THE Hannibal Morning Journal is the name of a new paper at Hannibal, Missouri. The Paris Mercury hints that it is third-party, and a sneaking one, at that.

WE understand the 12th congressional muddle has been settled by Col. Jos. M. Glover, Wm. H. Hatch and Jos. L. Anderson submitting their claims to a primary.

REMEMBER the time of Gen. Cocke's appointments to speak in this city and be sure to go and hear him. See the list of appointments elsewhere in this paper.

SECRETARY CARL SCHUBZ spoke to large audience in Cincinnati last day evening. Of course he was hard money. Who said Hayes civil service rules?

WE want to see every Democrat in Chariton buckle on the armor and to work. The only way the party will ever get rid of the "gold" is by Democratic votes.

LIVER P. PHILLIPS is the name of Greenback candidate for state senator in this district. He is a citizen of Van county, and is said to be an unshioned Missouri Democrat.

WE admit that there are a few gentlemen on the third party ticket who are pretty good sort of fellows, but have very little qualification, and what, as a whole, is a very poor ticket.

THE gentleman, in a speech at Keytesville, a short time ago, said: "I should cross a through-bred and a thorough-bred Democrat would the progeny be?"

SEVER, a rag baby, of course.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for a grand re-union of the "Army of Tennessee" at Indianapolis, October 31st. Generals Sherman, Sheridan, Hancock, Pope, Burnside, Logan, Bull and Jeff. C. Davis are among the "prominent" already spoken of as sure to be there.

AT the Colorado state election Tuesday the Radical swept the field. John Sherman and his Radical friends succeeded in inducing enough Democrats to vote the third-party absolute money ticket to give the bond holders a walk over, and still some people say that the third-party is not playing in to the hands of the Radicals.

WE witnessed the finest display of check last Tuesday it has ever been our pleasure to see. One C. M. Williams, a negro school teacher, we believe, went before the convention three times and for three different offices, and finally made an "amply qualified" speech for himself. Poor boy; we guess he didn't know any better.

MR. LANGLEY spoke at Swain's school house last Saturday evening. Mr. Crawley happened to be present unknown to the speaker, and when Langley had concluded and adjourned the audience loud calls were made for Crawley. Mr. Langley objected to Mr. C. speaking, but the crowd insisted, so the dark lantern apostle of old money spoke skipped out and Mr. Crawley captured the audience.

GRAND county Times: Mr. Rothwell is a young man about 40 years of age, and is a good speaker, needing only to be heard to be appreciated. He spoke at considerable length, making a most favorable impression upon his audience. He is no extremist, but deals mildly and calmly with all questions of public interest, and exhibits a depth of thought and a master mind in all he says.

WM. H. CALLISON, Esq., who, in the good old Democratic days was regarded as the "Tall shell-bark" of old Clark township, but who has been seduced into the ranks of the Greenback party, was heard to exclaim to himself as he left Keytesville the other evening, that the Democrats had served him several mean tricks, but had never done as mean a thing as to beat him with a negro school teacher.

IT is rumored that Mr. DeMoss agreed to pay a certain gentleman half of the wages he is to receive for two days canvass to keep his (DeMoss's) name before the convention Tuesday, as long as there was anything good on hand, or till he was nominated. DeMoss was placed before the convention for three different places, but the poor fellow was "left" every time. Mr. DeM. is now trying to repudiate this contract.

THE New Orleans Peayune says: "The relief which comes to this stricken section from all parts of the country reaches farther than is commonly supposed, and farther perhaps, than its authors intend. It relieves the southern heart of its bitterness and the memory of its wrongs. In the name of that philanthropy which has swept over all geographical and party lines, we declare that the war is over, at last and forever."

IT is refreshing to hear a reformed drunkard denouncing drinking and drunkenness. —Brunswick.
Yes, it is not only refreshing, but encouraging, to see any man, whether he be a drunkard, or a social tippler, reform his own habits, and by word or deed encourage others to do likewise. We always take pleasure in noting such examples and according full credit to those who exhibit the moral courage to dare assert, and maintain the right.

THE Republican party is now making a desperate effort to enforce its hard money ideas. The Republicans are declaring that no step shall be taken backwards, the resumption shall be attempted at the time already fixed &c., &c., all of which will prove to be a most wicked and miserable failure, and then other legislation will have to be enacted to repair as far as possible, the damage caused by the vain attempt to accomplish an impossibility by legislative enactment.

Vest, drunk or sober, has more sense than the entire pack of bench-legged crows that are howling on his track. —Brunswick.

True enough; yes, we will say more, he may have more sense than all the dogs in the state, no matter what the shape of their legs may be, and yet not be a suitable man for United States senator. It is sober statesmanship that the country needs at Washington City, and not dogs, or drunkards. There are too many dogs and drunkards there now.

THE Lincoln Bulletin, in its notice of the Democratic speaking at Laclede in Linn county, on the 19th ult., makes the following complimentary reference to Mr. Mackay: "Mr. Patterson was followed by Andrew Mackay, Democratic nominee for state senator, who delivered a very interesting address of about one hour. It abounded with happy hits, and was logical and effective throughout. He was repeatedly interrupted with cheers, and at the close of his address was enthusiastically applauded, and it well deserved it, as it was a masterly effort."

THAT young Williams last Tuesday went on the plan that "if at first you don't succeed, &c." He entered for three different offices, and the delegates knowing that no man could be elected on their ticket, finally nominated him for assessor. The poor fellow displayed a good deal of cheek presenting his claims, saying he was "amply qualified," but the voters of Chariton county will tell him they prefer Tom Hutcheson about the 5th of November. He will then conclude he is "amply qualified" to teach another negro school, probably.

THE LaPlata (Macon county) Home Press, speaking of the nomination of Mr. Rothwell, says: "While the failure to receive the Democratic nomination for congress in the 10th district is a severe disappointment to our friend, Charlie Mansur, we tender him our condolence, we can but congratulate the Democracy and the entire people upon the fact that the honor has been bestowed on so worthy and efficient a man as G. F. Rothwell, of Moberly. He is able and fearless, and will do himself and the party credit in the canvass, and reflect honor upon the state in the halls of congress."

NOAH DEAN is the name of the gentleman nominated by the Greenbackers for the office of Representative. He is a new man entirely. Mr. Johnson, who put him in nomination, said that he was at that time somewhere in Iowa or Nebraska, but that he would get here in time for the election and would be located somewhere in Cunningham township. That he had been a Republican but was now soundly converted to the Greenback faith and was far above a mediocre in point of ability. Mr. Johnson made a very handsome speech in nominating Mr. Dean, but failed to state what relation Noah Dean is to the celebrated H. Clay Dean, who was also formerly of Iowa.

A new temperance order has just been organized, styled the "American Temperance Association of Missouri." Its principles are "total abstinence from all that intoxicates and the creation of a just and merciful public sentiment to finally prevent the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; to educate and enlighten the public in the principles of true temperance through the pulpit, the platform and the press, and by all other intelligent and philanthropic means; to recognize all true and valuable service, both religious, literary and practical, rendered to the total abstinence movement, and to encourage and co-operate with all agencies both moral, religious and legislative, which seek to promote the general principles of temperance reform."

PRINCETON Advance: The court-house was crowded last Saturday to listen to these gentlemen, and all who were absent missed a rare treat. Our gallant standard bearer, G. F. Rothwell, opened the exercises with a splendid argument. His speech was pithy and logical, and even Republicans admitted it to be the best ever made in Princeton. He has made a favorable impression upon our people, and if he is not our next congressman it will not be for lack of the votes of the Democrats of Mercer county. He was followed by Col. Jno. F. Phillips, of Sedalia, one of Missouri's most eloquent public speakers. His speech was replete with brilliant points and he showed conclusively that relief could only be obtained through the Democratic party in our financial distress.

WISE AND SAFE.
Judging from the past history, and practical tests, the Democratic position on finance is the only wise and safe one. It favors no new and violent departures. It shuns all extremes. It favors both gold and silver as much as we can have, as a money basis, and in addition, when these precious metals are not adequate in quantity to the demands of commerce and trade, that the deficiency be supplied by government paper, redeemable in coin, sufficient for the purposes of its creation. The extremes of this subject are—a gold basis, which would bankrupt millions who are now prospering, and the fiat, or absolute money, which is not only absurdity—but the wicked instrument that would soon destroy property, government morals, labor, and everything that has any value now. —Boonville Advertiser.

Our friend Hudson, being unable to find any party to fight in this county, has turned his vials of wrath loose on George Vest. —Brunswick.

WE are unable to understand why our friend Nator is impressed with the idea that we want to fight anyone. We are comparatively a stranger in this county, and therefore have no enemies to punish or friends to reward. We came to the county for the purpose of establishing a first-class newspaper and to that end we have found it necessary to devote our entire time and energy. We are pleased with our success thus far, and consequently have the best of reasons to be in a good humor with everybody. Fighting is something for which we have no taste; we are inclined to regard it as both an unprofitable and unpleasant business. We are a native born Missourian, however, and of course have some idea of "the lick it is done with," and if any such disagreeable work were forced upon us we would endeavor to dispose of it on creditable terms. Friend Naylor is disposed to complain at our reference to the reputed drunkenness of George Vest, a prominent candidate for U. S. senator. We have been guarded in our remarks on that subject for the reason that personally and as a brilliant talker we admire Col. Vest, and have simply demanded that if the damaging reports which have been put into circulation touching his conduct be false, in justice to his good name and his many friends, as well as the Democratic party whose Champion he has been, the facts should be promptly and fully made known to the public, and in order that our readers understand upon what seeming authority we based the little we have said on that subject, we invite attention to a number of extracts published in this paper, taken from public journals published in localities where he has been, which justify all and far more than we have said against Col. Vest.

HON. C. F. ROTHWELL.

A large and very attentive audience greeted Mr. Rothwell at the court-house on last Tuesday evening. Many of the delegates who were here during the day, attending the Greenback convention, remained for the purpose of hearing him speak. The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. C. Crawley, who spoke about 45 minutes while the audience was assembling. At the conclusion of his remarks he introduced Mr. Rothwell, who, in his easy, flowing, eloquent and persuasive style, held the attention of the audience for over two hours. Those who had heard Mr. Rothwell before expected to hear a good speech and were not disappointed. His manner of handling the financial question is fair, candid, argumentative, and convincing. He showed that all the bad financial legislation was enacted while congress was Republican in both branches, that since the house has been Democratic there has not been any financial legislation detrimental to the best interests of the people. He favored the free coinage of silver, the abolition of the national banks and the issue of greenbacks to take the place of the bank notes, the repeal of the resumption act, the taxation of government bonds, and the payment of the bonds in greenbacks that originally were contracted to be paid in currency.

ABSOLUTE CONVENTION.

The National Greenback Labor party met in convention at Keytesville, on the 1st day of October, pursuant to adjournment, and nominated the following list of candidates: Representative.....Noah Dean, Presenting Attorney.....W. H. Bradley, Circuit Clerk.....A. S. Pounds, County Clerk.....Thos. E. Waugh, Probate Judge.....G. W. Langley, Sheriff.....Rob't Patterson, Collector.....Doc. London, Treasurer.....D. B. Kellogg, Public Administrator.....B. F. Welch, Assessor.....C. M. Williams, Judge of the County Court for the Western District.....J. E. M. Triplett, Judge of the County Court for the Eastern District.....A. G. Brooks, Presiding Justice of the County Court.....Henry Overholt.

The office of Coroner, on motion of Luther Logan, was unanimously donated to the Democratic party. Whereupon Mr. Robert Clarkson, a staunch Democrat of Muske Fork township, arose in the audience and accepted the honor in behalf of the Democracy, and predicted at the same time that the first duty which they would be required to perform after the election, would be to hold an inquest on the so-called National Greenback Labor party.

GRAND ROUNDS.
A Day of Congregations, Feasting and Speeches.
It had been extensively advertised that a grand barbecue would be held near Pedee Grange Friday of last week. Extensive preparations were made for the enjoyment of all who attended. Having chartered a spring wagon, in company with Col. Bell and Chap. Crawley, Jr., we arrived on the grounds about 10:30, and found a large crowd already assembled, and more coming. In the crowd were Republicans, third-party men and Democrats, and all seemed to be feeling good, and everybody taking more or less interest in politics. The neighborhood of Pedee Grange is called by many "the kingdom of third-partyism," but we must confess that outside of two or three hot-headed fellows who could tell considerably more than they knew, even the men who are counted as belonging to the third-party band seemed calm, willing to listen to all, and their actions seemed to say, "Come, let us reason together." This we were glad to see, for the Democratic party are laboring for a currency reform, together with other important measures, and as the third-party is founded on the one idea of currency reform, there is, both parties being sincere, nothing but a question of words and offices, in reality, between them. It is true we do not endorse their plan as we understand it, of "making money" by just simply printing on a piece of paper. "This is five dollars," or one dollar, or fifty dollars, as the case may be. This is what their platform means, ignoring greenbacks entirely, but when we tell the greenbackers—we mean honest men—real greenback men—who have joined the third-party, that the Democrats want the greenback just as it is except that we want it a legal tender—when we tell them that we propose to make the greenback just as it is, only striking out the words "except duties on imports and interest on the public debt," nine out of every ten third-partyists tell us that is the kind of money they want. This is the kind of money we understand the Democrats are pledged to, but it is not the kind of money the Sedalia platform demands. This is the kind of money Mr. Rothwell is pledged to, and it is the kind he will work for when in congress.

To return to the barbecue. About 10 o'clock the Keytesville brass band arrived and played a few nice pieces. The crowd having generally assembled, and the advertised speakers not present, J. C. Crawley took the stand and made a most sensible talk, filled with good hits and convincing argument, and was listened to and enjoyed by all present. Col. Bell then appeared and spoke about an hour, plainly showing that the Democratic party had worked hard for the people touching the finance question. He showed that the party had passed a bill in the lower house making silver a legal tender, and giving it free coinage, and forced the bill, though crippled, through a Radical

senate; they forced a bill through, preventing the further contraction of greenbacks, commonly called the Fort bill, which is now a law; they passed a bill making greenbacks a full legal tender, except where otherwise stipulated by contract, which is now pending in the senate, as well as other important work done by a Democratic house. His speech was well received. Dinner was then announced. There was barbequed meat, bread, &c., &c., in abundance for all. The editor is under obligations to Mr. Gribble for one of the most reliable meals he ever ate. While we were eating Messrs. A. Mackay, Sr., and G. F. Rothwell arrived and announced that Col. Phillips and Mansur would not be there. After dinner Mr. Mackay took the stand and talked about an hour. He said that although he was in accord with the Democrats in their efforts to effect a currency reform, he would not discuss national finance, but preferred subjects pertaining to state affairs. His remarks were polished and entertaining, and not stereotyped buncombe and bluster so frequently indulged in by Mr. Rothwell was then introduced to the audience, who it seemed had assembled especially to hear him. We did not hear what he said, but are reliably informed that he made one of the best speeches ever made in the county, and that his views on the financial question were so in accord with the people of that section that many of the third-party men endorsed him. There is no question but he is one of the best greenback men in the state, and we believe will receive many votes from honest greenback men outside the Democratic party.

The excellent Keytesville band spiced the entire proceedings with some splendid music, and when the crowd adjourned all went home feeling that it was well to be there.

AT BRUNSWICK.
Having seen everybody at Pedee, Hon. J. C. Crawley and the editor started for Brunswick to hear the eloquent Jno. F. Phillips. We were joined by Mr. T. J. Martin and Capt. J. C. Wallace who were also bound for the same place.

There was a torch light procession of about 75 torches, early in the evening, after which the crowd assembled at the city hall.

About this time the Keytesville band, who had volunteered their services, arrived by wagon from Pedee and played several pieces. Col. Phillips was then introduced, and made one of the best speeches we ever heard. He was frequently applauded, and although he spoke an hour and a half or two hours, he held his audience spellbound.

After the meeting adjourned the band serenaded the postmaster, Mr. J. J. Heisel, who appeared, and after thanking them for the honor, asked the crowd to take a cigar with him. The band then serenaded the Andes house, and Mr. J. B. Naylor. Arriving at the depot, several pieces were played before the train started.

We arrived home about twelve o'clock feeling a little tired, but amply repaid for the trouble of the trip. —Rah for Rothwell.

DEMOCRACY!

Grand Rally and Torch-Light Procession.

Three Bands of Music and 500 Torches in Line.

In Keytesville, Wednesday Evening, October 9,

Col. T. T. Crittendon, the Silver-Tongued Orator,

And Col. Charles H. Mansur, The Great Commoner of the North-West,

Will be Present and talk to Democrats, Greenbackers, and Republicans.

Come in Carriages, in Wagons, Come on Horseback, Come if you have to Walk,

And hear the best Speeches ever delivered in Chariton County.

Col. T. T. Crittendon, and C. H. Mansur, will address the people of Chariton county, at Keytesville, Wednesday evening, October 9, at 7:30 o'clock.

Arrangements have been made for a grand torch-light procession, to form at 7 o'clock, headed by a band of music, and march through the principal streets.

Efforts are being made to secure the services of the Fayette and Brunswick Brass Bands, which are also expected to take part.

Col. Crittendon is now a member of congress, is one of the finest orators in the state, and the public can look for some wholesome truths on the financial question from him. He has been there and is posted.

Col. Mansur is known to our people to be one of the ablest and one of the most interesting speakers in Missouri. He will also be present and speak.

Don't fail to be on hand early and see the grand torch-light procession. Everybody and his neighbors should come.

SENATORIAL CANVASS.

Col. George C. Vest in North and South-east Missouri.
IN CARROLL COUNTY.
[From the Carrollton Record, (Rep.)]
The band serenaded Col. Vest last Saturday night just before he left town, and some ill-advised friends of the Col. insisted on calling him out. He was not in a condition to make a speech, and consequently made a total failure. The hot weather, the continual excitement of the campaign, the labor of continued speech making, the hard times, the cussedness of "B-utter-milk A-bsolute Money Hill," and "pure (hic) financial condition of the state of Missouri," were too much for him, and he was quietly lifted into the bus and went on his way rejoicing. We are a little curious to see the report of that serenade in the *Democrat and Journal*.

Geo. C. Vest came and went last Saturday, and it would have been better for him if he had never come. He had many warm friends, earnest supporters, and ardent admirers in Carrollton, but he has not so many now. His visit was a complete failure so far as advancing his claims to the United States senate is concerned. His speech at the court-house, although it contained many truths, was a disappointment to his hearers, while his appearance at the serenade in the evening was mortifying to his friends, and must have excited the pity of his enemies, had he any. His visit, we think we are safe in saying, cost him many Carroll county votes, and we will always think that it should.

According to announcement, Col. Vest addressed the people of this county, on the political issues of the day, at the court-house on Saturday last. A very large crowd was present. Now that we have seen and heard the Col. we are frank to say that we are not an ardent admirer of the gentleman, and do not think him the man to represent the great state of Missouri in the United States senate.

IN CRAWFORD COUNTY.

[From the Brunswick Mirror, (Dem.)]
On Monday morning last George C. Vest was a popular name in Crawford county; on Monday night not a voter could be found who was an avowed Vest man, and were a direct vote to be taken to-day, on the proposition to send him to the United States senate, it is doubtful if he could obtain ten votes in Crawford county. Men came in from the country, riding twenty miles to hear the "silver-tongued orator," and expectation ran high. Vest appeared and took the stand, and when too late to stop him it was discovered, to the dismay of his audience, that he was drunk and silly. After about an hour of madman rambling, in which Britton A. Hill, the "nigger," Radicals and "absolute money" were mixed in strange confusion and the public debt at the close of the was "free fousan dollar." Vest subsided to the immense relief of those of his audience who had not already left the hall in disgust. It is doubtful if there were fifteen men in the audience but could have made a better speech, and there certainly were not five who would not have been ashamed to have stood in his place. His auditors were intelligent, respectable gentlemen—the solid men of our county, and their indignation was intense. Not a sound of applause greeted Vest from first to last, and amid a perfect silence he blundered off the stand, and unattended and alone he "meandered" back to his hotel, a disgraced man. The county candidates were present in force, advertised to speak, but all considered themselves too much gentlemen to take the stand that had been disgraced, and no speeches were made. To the credit of the Democrats of the county, be it said, Vest came here uninvited, and after displaying himself, was let severely alone. He left here Tuesday morning, with a bottle of whiskey in his pocket, but on the train was an attaché of the St. Louis Times, who probably kept him sober at Salem. The popular expression in Crawford county to-day is "Pull down your Vest."

[From the Rolla Herald, (Dem.)]
We have received intelligence from Steelville that Col. Geo. C. Vest, a prominent candidate for U. S. senator, attempted to speak at that place on last Monday, but was too drunk to make an intelligent talk, to the disgust of everybody. The *Mirror* sends us in advance an account of the humiliating conduct of Col. Vest, and if one-half of the account is true, and we have no grounds to doubt it, Col. Vest should at once quit the field and retire to private life. We have always been an admirer of Vest, and we were in hopes that he might succeed in reaching the Senate, but if he has no more respect for himself or the feelings of his friends than to drink to drunkenness and attempt to address it, he should be pulled down. It is time to call a halt; a man who will get drunk and act as Col. Vest is reported to have acted, ought not to receive the countenance of his party.

IN DECAT COUNTY.

[From the Salem Monitor, (Dem.)]
The above named gentleman has been and is a prominent aspirant for the United States senate, and up to the present time has been the favorite of the *Monitor* for that important position; but owing to his conduct at Steelville last Monday, of which we have been duly and reliably informed, and on account of his condition when he arrived at Salem Tuesday morning, the *Monitor* is left no alternative—we must drop our favorite. The fact is Col. Vest was drunk on Monday—very drunk—and ditto on Tuesday; and the *Monitor* has long since declared opposition to every dissipated man, or habitual drunkard, for office. To whom the *Monitor* will throw its tow-line now is an unsettled question, but

our friends may rest assured that the lucky man will be a sober, reliable gentleman, a genuine Democrat, and thoroughly in sympathy with the Democracy of the west and south on the greenback question, the national bank question, the specie resumption question, and all other questions in the interests of the tax-payers and laboring classes. Col. Vest, when we last saw him two years ago, had not indulged in intoxicating drinks for three years and gave promise of a bright future, full of usefulness; but he has fallen again by the wayside, and gives no promise of future usefulness.

[Local item in same paper.]
To-day George C. Vest was advertised to speak, and people came in from all parts of the county to hear him. This county was pretty evenly divided between Vest and Glover previous to the speaking. But to-night a Vest man cannot be found in the county. To tell the plain truth, Vest was shamefully drunk—as drunk as ever "Quig" Thompson was—and old life-long Democrats were so disgusted with his behavior that they left the hall, and not a ripple of applause greeted him from commencement to close of his speech. The county candidates were to follow him, but were so disgusted that not one of them would take the stand. Several prominent Democrats expressed themselves as feeling disgraced and humiliated by Vest's conduct.

[From the Paris Mercury, (Dem.)]
Our readers know that for some years past the *Mercury* has been a supporter of Col. Vest in his aspirations for the governorship and for U. S. senator from this state. We believed that it was the duty of the party and the people to accord him some such recognition of his distinguished services in behalf of Democracy in this state. We know him to be an able and fearless advocate of the principles of the party. We know that the party had invited and accepted his services. More than all this, he enjoyed the reputation of being a thoroughly honest man. For these and many other reasons he has had a host of friends in this county, who have been eager to honor him with the highest office within the gift of the people of the state.

Some weeks ago, however, several newspapers began to charge him with failing to meet his appointments on account of drunkenness. Thinking they might be mere campaign stories, started to injure him or help along some one else, we forebore to mention them, for the time. But such reports have become so numerous and come from so many sources that they cannot be overlooked. They come from local papers where he had appointments to speak, many of which have been supporting him for senator. We have seen no authoritative denial of any of these reports. If only the title of them be true, they show that Col. Vest is utterly unfit for the high office he seeks. Besides this, they show a contempt on his part for his best friends, an affront which they will promptly resent. We sincerely hope for his sake and the sake of his friends in this county, that he will be able to refute them.

[From the Missouri Statesman, (Dem.)]
We had sincerely hoped that the damaging reports in circulation in regard to Col. Vest's unfortunate condition at Carrollton, Steelville, Salem and other places at which he had appointments to address the people, were so discolored by misrepresentation as to be susceptible of denial or defence; and that some of the numerous respectable journals which advocated his candidacy for the United States senate would be able to put a quietus upon them and to vindicate him from the charges of drunkenness. But in this we have been disappointed. So far as we have seen, no one of the Vest journals, except the St. Louis Times, has offered any explanation or denial; and that paper had better remained silent altogether than to have met so damaging an arraignment of its favorite in terms so ill befitting the gravity of the subject. The *Times* says:

Reports are in circulation concerning Col. Vest, expressly manufactured and intended to do him both personal and political injury. It is hardly necessary to state that none of these reports originate with the friends of Col. Vest; neither do they have the sanction of his friends, nor do any of his friends believe them. He is making a gallant and effective canvass, and in spite of the enemies who are barking upon his

tracks, is winning hosts of converts and supporters wherever he goes.

It is scarcely necessary for us to say that this defence, explanation or denial—call it what you may—does not meet the case and will not satisfy the people. If the reports are untrue, it was the duty of the *Times*—a duty it owed Col. Vest and the Democratic party at large—to meet them by a specific and emphatic denial, as to both time and place, and not to have tacitly confessed their truth by so general and tame a reference to them. As to where and with whom the reports originated, it matters little. The main question is, are they true or false? If true, the people, whose representative in the American senate Col. Vest aspires to become, ought to know it. If false, justice to Col. Vest and justice to the great party whom he would represent in one of the most important deliberative bodies in the world, demand that the calumny and calumniators be pilloried remorselessly before the people. The *Times* does not boldly and defiantly confront the issue, and such will be the judgment of the country. Its denial is too general in view of the gravity of the occasion. Its special plea that the reports do not "originate with the friends of Col. Vest" does not meet the question, especially as just the reverse is true, namely, that the reports do originate with and are published by his friends, the Salem *Monitor*, Rolla *Herald* and other Democratic papers, which, up to his late misfortunes, were avowedly Vest organs, but are Vest organs no longer.

HON. J. L. DAVIS,

At Keytesville Fair, Wednesday, October 9th.

Hon. J. L. Davis, of Daviess county, will discuss the issues of the day at the Keytesville Fair Grounds, Wednesday, October 9, 1878. Mr. Davis is one of the most captivating speakers in the state, and it will pay all to come out and hear him.

From Triplet.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1878.
MR. EDITOR.—Mr. John Gains has sold his farm to a gentleman from Ray county, and will leave for Arkansas in a short time.

Our Methodist friends contemplate building a parsonage in this place very soon; a good move in the right direction.

A gentleman from Carroll county, by the name of Frater, speaks of building a dam across Grand river at Rockford and erecting a large flouring and grist mill.

Mr. Isaac Kinley, of Brunswick, addressed the Democracy of this place on last Wednesday. There was a good turn out and a club organized with Dr. E. B. Smith, president; A. D. Cawthorne, vice-president; J. M. Marsh, T. W. Sanders, and Dr. C. A. Jennings, executive committee; L. Menagh, secretary.

Turn full of drummers and business improving.
Mrs. M. Ferran has taken charge of the hotel.
Elder Malone and family are visiting friends in this place. J.

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